GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1218
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2005
REDUCTION IN RENT OF SRI FORT AUDITORIUM
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Fort Auditorium in Delhi is unoccupied for most of the year due to higher rent;

(b) if so, the details of occupancy rate during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to reduce the rent of the Auditorium and to convert it into middle-class cultural hub and to improve the occupancy rate of the Auditorium; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY

(a) and (b) A statement showing the details of occupancy in Siri Fort Auditorium I, II and III is placed at Annexure.

(c) and (d) A Committee has been set up recently, to look into the issue of revision of rates for the Siri Fort Auditoria.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) and (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1218 for 10-3-2005.

Year	Number of days used by institutions, Government Departments, Autonomous Bodies, Government Undertakings, Schools, Colleges ,NGOs etc. on hire basis for holding cultural programme			Number of days used by the media units/autonomous bodies under this Ministry for Holding International Film Festivals of India, National Film Festival, Festivals by Children`s Film Society of India, Cultural Exchange Programmes etc			Total number of days of occupancy		
	Audit-orium-I	Audito-rium-II	Audito-rium-III	Audit-orium-I	Audito-rium-II	Audito-rium-III	Audit-orium-I	Audito-rium-II	Audito-rium-III
2002-03	149	31	5	27	36	36	176	67	41
2003-04	131	39	4	32	32	64	163	71	68
2004-05 upto Feb.2005	141	56	9	17	21	16	158	77	25